

## Review 1

### TASK 1 Read the text below and decide which answers A, B, C or D best fits each gap.

#### Dumbing down

Recent researches 1 \_\_\_\_ that some everyday things decrease intelligence, and the results are guaranteed to 2 \_\_\_\_.

Reality TV has been under 3 \_\_\_\_ for a while. An Austrian study has revealed that watching reality shows actually makes you stupider. It's 4 \_\_\_\_ to say that many people had suspected this was the case. For the 5 \_\_\_\_ of the study, which involved two groups, one group of participants watched a reality show and then did a knowledge test. Those who had watched the show 6 \_\_\_\_ worse results than those who had not.

Food, too, can be a culprit. A Californian study showed that we need to be 7 \_\_\_\_ when it comes to sugar. Not only is it bad for our teeth and waistlines, but continued consumption slows the brain, and hinders memory and learning. Chewing gum, too, has come in for 8 \_\_\_\_\_. In Wales, scientists discovered that it 9 \_\_\_\_ short-term memory. Participants had to look at a group of items and then recall the items and the order in which they saw them. The group that had chewed gum before the test was not able to 10 \_\_\_\_ the task as well as those who had not.

1. A comments	B indicates	C remarks	D observes
2. A blast	B bother	C offend	D shock
3. A fire	B threat	C pressure	D warning
4. A candid	B bold	C wise	D fair
5. A data	B reasons	C purposes	D observations
6. A achieved	B reached	C managed	D succeeded
7. A afraid	B considerate	C apprehensive	D cautious
8. A notice	B criticism	C praise	D trouble
9. A affects	B resist	C provokes	D solves
10. A realise	B cope	C accomplish	D impress

### TASK 2 Read the text below. Use the word given in capitals to form a word that fits in the gap in the sentence.

#### Progressive ideas

Our ancient forefathers were not \_\_\_\_\_ (IGNORANCE), yet it is usual to think of human progress as being very slow until more recent times.

In reality, the history of human \_\_\_\_\_ (ACHIEVE) is full of innovative and quite \_\_\_\_\_ (REVOLUTION) ideas dating back many thousand of years. Moreover, \_\_\_\_\_ (DEVELOP) that have been more recent, such as the \_\_\_\_\_ (INDUSTRY) Revolution, computers and the Internet, are not necessarily more important than those of the past.

So how do we measure the \_\_\_\_\_ (SIGNIFICANT) of an invention?

The question needs to be considered \_\_\_\_\_ (OBJECT). Let's look at information technology and compare the invention of the Internet and the invention of writing. Which had

the greater impact? Was it the change to a world with writing or the technical improvement that allows written \_\_\_\_\_ (INTERACT) to occur more easily?

The latter could not have developed without the former. In other words, in this important area of life, the really \_\_\_\_\_ (DRAMA) change occurred millennia ago. Like writing, there are other inventions that stand at the beginning of a long process of advancement, and it would be \_\_\_\_\_ (WISE) to suggest that social and economic change was largely absent until recent times.

**TASK 3 Think of one word only which can be used appropriately in all three sentences.**

It's easy; just \_\_\_\_\_ the camera at your subject and then press this button.  
The company will \_\_\_\_\_ their new ad campaign at the 16-24 age group.  
Most people who \_\_\_\_\_ high are more hard-working than those who don't.

The conference delegates were shown to their \_\_\_\_\_ at the table.  
Now that Jack's finally got his MBA and found a job, he's really going \_\_\_\_\_.  
The friends were pleased when they were both offered \_\_\_\_\_ at the same university.

Charles went \_\_\_\_\_ out to get his dream job in public relations, and succeeded.  
Ewan and James have an ambitious plan to ride their motorbikes \_\_\_\_\_ the way to Asia and back.  
The suggestion that cameras be installed in their offices was not at \_\_\_\_\_ popular with the staff.

Undefended at the far \_\_\_\_\_, the player headed the ball into the net.  
If there's no need to take it there yourself, you can just send it by \_\_\_\_\_.  
His \_\_\_\_\_ on the web site was full of abbreviations, spelling mistakes and poor grammar.

He would rather be at home than at work, so he spends a lot of time watching the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Marilyn turned back the \_\_\_\_\_ for her new design with an 80s theme.  
You can't work around the \_\_\_\_\_, you also need some rest and relaxation.

**TASK 4 Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.**

Eddie was one of the laziest people I knew, but that all changed once he got a job.

USED

Eddie \_\_\_\_\_, but that all changed once he got a job.

No one could believe how talented he was

TAKEN

We \_\_\_\_\_ his talent.

I'm afraid there was nothing else I could do.

CHOICE

I'm afraid I \_\_\_\_\_, I had to do it.

That's not what I said to the journalist and it was unfair of him to report it.

**CONTEXT**

The journalist \_\_\_\_\_, which was unfair.

How can you tell the websites apart when they're identical?

**DISTINGUISH**

How can you \_\_\_\_\_ when they're identical?

Sorry, I can't help you at the moment because I have too much to do.

**PLATE**

Sorry, but I have \_\_\_\_\_ to help you at the moment.

The problems we encountered were minor.

**AGAINST**

We \_\_\_\_\_, but they were minor.